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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a small business owner that support competition in all business ventures and especially in the broadband business.

Broadband, like energy and other resources, is critical to small business for us to stay competitive on the short and long term. We need broadband competition to keep the costs reasonable and competitive. I chose a smaller competitive broadband provider to save money, keep my business competitive, and support a fellow local business. You must allow this to keep happening.

As a consumer who is looking for reasonable internet, TV, and phone service - broadband competition is critical to me. It also encourages the large companies to stay competitive in the technology and cost sides - so that competition is good for large, medium and small broadband companies.

Stay the course and don't deregulate - allowing the large telecom companies to raise rates, attack local competition, and create monopolies that are negative on small business and communities.

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